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SUBJECT: MEDIA COVERAGE: SALZBURG STOPOVER: PRESIDENT NIXON

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1. ALL VIENNA PAPERS JUNE 11 REPORTED PROMINENTLY ON PRESIDENT'S TRIP, BUT INDEPENDENT DIE PRESSE WAS ONLY ONE ALREADY COVERING HIS ARRIVAL SALZBURG. IN FRONT PAGE SPECIAL REPORT, PAPER STRESSED PRESIDENT'S PRAISE OF AUSTRIA AS GREAT FREE NATION AND EAST-WEST BRIDGE. ALSO REFERENCE TO AUSTRIA'S MAKING AVAILABLE BIGGEST CONTINGENT OF UN PEACEKEEPING TROOPS IN GOLAN HEIGHTS STRESSED IN LEAD PARAGRAPH. IN SECOND ARTICLE, DIE PRESSE DESCRIBED PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL IN HEAVY RAIN AND POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE NO DEMONSTRATORS. INDEPENDENT MASS-CIRCULATION KURIER RAN TOP HEADLINE, QUOTE NIXON IN SALZBURG- HE JUST WANTS REST. UNQUOTE. IN ANOTHER STORY, PAPER SAID THAT SALZBURG VISIT LESS DRAMATIC THAN LAST TIME, BUT ALSO LESS GLORIOUS. ANOTHER MASS-CIRCULATION DAILY, TABLOID KRONEN ZEITUNG, EMPHASIZED STRICT SECURITY MEASURES. ORGAN OF RULING SOCIALIST PARTY, ARBEITER ZEITUNG, FRONTPAGED WORRIES FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SECURITY.

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PAPER SAID: QUOTE UNLIKE LAST TIME, U.S. PRESIDENT

IS COMING TO SALZBURG NOT AS A VIETNAM WARRIER, BUT IN
FOOTSTEPS OF PEACEMAKER KISSINGER. UNQUOTE. SEMI-
OFFICIAL WIENER ZEITUNG IN TOP HEADLINE SPOKE OF PRESIDENT'S
QUOTE TRIP FOR PEACE UNQUOTE. COMMUNIST VOLKSSTIMME
FRONTPAGED SHORT ARTICLE, UNDERLING PRESIDENT'S PROTECTION
BY 250 AMERICAN SECURITY OFFICERS.

2. AUSTRIAN RADIO AND TV LAST NIGHT REPORTED LIVE ON
PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL. HIS AND CHANCELLOR KREISKY'S
STATEMENTS WERE AGIN COVERED BY RADIO THIS MORNING.
VISIT HAS BEEN NUMBER ONE ITEM IN ALL NEWSCASTS.ARNOLD

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